

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR**

Executive Order 2009-1

An Order Establishing The Office of Economic Stimulus

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate have stated an intention to prioritize their consideration of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Act") in response to the national recession;

WHEREAS, it is essential for the State to administer the Act in a manner that will create good jobs, improve our infrastructure, protect our most needy citizens and otherwise provide the maximum benefit possible for the citizens of New Hampshire;

WHEREAS, the Act would require the State to manage and expend funds appropriated as quickly as possible, consistent with prudent management so as to achieve the purposes specified in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Act would establish requirements for the State to ensure public accountability and transparency in the award and disbursement of funds made available;

WHEREAS, the Act would establish short timeframes pursuant to which funds must be obligated and committed to ensure that economic stimulus investments are made as quickly as possible;

WHEREAS, in the event that the Act becomes law, it is necessary for the State to be prepared for the immediate receipt, management and coordination of the federal appropriations received by the State under the Act;

WHEREAS, it is expected that most of the funds will be distributed through existing grant programs and may require accelerated timetables and enhanced reporting and accountability measures;

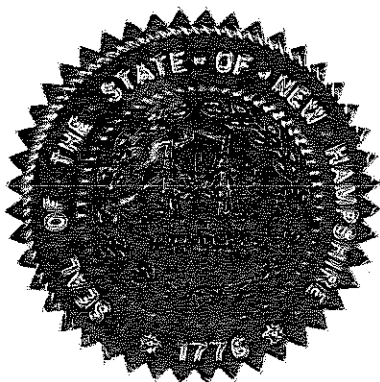
WHEREAS, Part 2, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution authorizes the Governor to create agencies and offices for the purpose of receiving federal funds and implementing federal grant programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution do hereby order that:

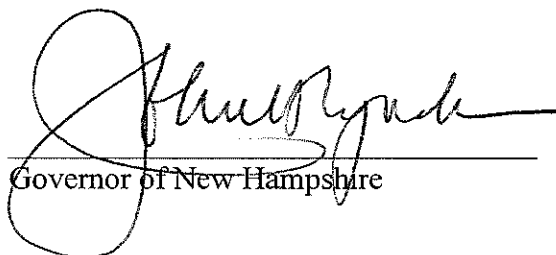
1. There is established within the Office of the Governor an Office of Economic Stimulus ("OES") which shall have the powers and responsibilities to assist

the Governor and direct state agencies on the management and expenditure of appropriations that would be made under the Act. The OES shall coordinate with state agencies to ensure that all conditions under the Act are met and all procedural requirements are followed. The duties of OES shall include, but not be limited to, the coordination and support of the State's efforts to obtain and administer federal grants, issue requests for proposals, contracts, awards, submit reports, executive office certifications, and meet any other obligations including audit requirements imposed by applicable federal and state law.

2. The Governor shall appoint a director of the Office of Economic Stimulus. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The director will be in charge of the operations of the office and is directly responsible to the Governor.
3. The Governor, in consultation with the director, shall temporarily assign state employees to OES as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act. Any state employee who is temporarily assigned to OES shall be entitled to the same salary and benefits to which they would otherwise be entitled and shall remain employees of their state agencies for all other purposes, except that their duties during the period of detail will be supervised by the director of OES.
4. The director shall make recommendations to the Governor regarding any changes in state law, administrative rules or department policies that may be necessary to meet the requirements of the Act.
5. All state departments, agencies and administratively attached agencies, as defined in RSA 21-G:5, shall cooperate with the director and ensure that requests of OES receive the highest priority within their respective departments or agencies.
6. This executive order shall be repealed if the Act does not become law.



Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 30th day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nine.


Governor of New Hampshire